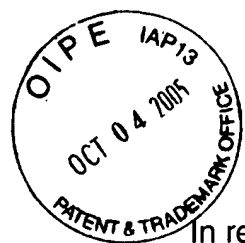


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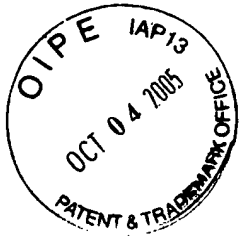
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The Examiner is again requested to acknowledge receipt by the Patent Office of the priority documents in the grand-parent application Serial No. 08/362,455.

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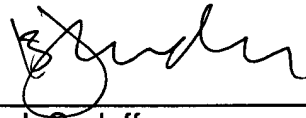


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